(b) No separate or special establishment or hands is maintained. Hence the latter part of the query does not require any answer.

The Expenditure on Elephant Capture.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

200. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) The actual expenditure incurred by the State Forest Department for the last 5 years for elephant capture operations;

(b) The exact number of elephants captured during the period;

(c) The number that died from the pit and from the above (b);

(d) The amount realised by the sale of elephants captured;

(e) The approximate amount that could be realised, if the remaining ones, if any, are also sold ?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON.

(a) Rs. 36,145—8—10. The figure includes the expenditure on account of digging new pits, padding, covering, repairing and watching them, and kraaling, training and marching of new captures.

(b) 30.

(c) 3 from the pits and 13 after kraaling.

(d) Rs. 7,841 for five elephants.

(e) Rs. 28,300.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

The actual expenditure is Rs. 36,145—8—10. Does this include the T. A., etc., of the Conservator, the Range Officers and others, when they go to supervise the elephant catching operations?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON.

No. The T. A. is not included.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

That also should be included here to show the actual expenditure.

PRESIDENT.

There is no apportionment for the different items of work. So the income is only by the saving of the elephants captured,

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that is, Rs. 7,841, and the approximate amount that can be realised is Rs. 28,300. So it comes to Rs. 35,000.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

This is not a profitable transaction after all. Why should the Government continue this elephant catching operation?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON.

I do not understand the question, Sir.

PRESIDENT.

From the figures furnished by you, the member thinks that it is not a profitable transaction. Rs. 7,841 for 5 elephants and Rs. 28,300 for the remaining ones would come to Rs. 36,141, and against it the expenses come to Rs. 36,145—8—10. So it works at a loss of 4 and odd rupees.

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON.

Some of the elephants are earning ones. They earn every year two hundred or three hundred rupees. That is not included in this.

PRESIDENT.

He says that is not at all a concern which does not give profit.

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON

It is a profitable concern. That earning is not included here. By the sale of 5 elephants we have got Rs. 7,000 and we have got only 9 more elephants remaining, and the approximate value of these is Rs. 28,000.

PRESIDENT.

These elephants are earning a specified amount every year on account of hire for processions, etc. We are getting a profit, you see.

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON.

We get about Rs. 3,000 to 4,000 by the earnings of these elephants, and the value of these elephants increases every year.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

So this elephant catching operation is a profitable concern?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON.

Of course.

The Plantation of Teak.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

201. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) The actual number of teak plants usually planted in an area of 100 acres;

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